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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/980,839

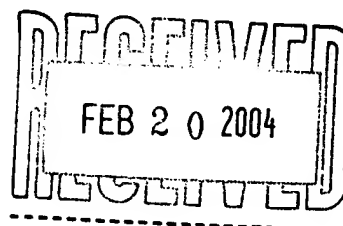
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For: EARLY DETECTION OF
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Group Art Unit: 1648

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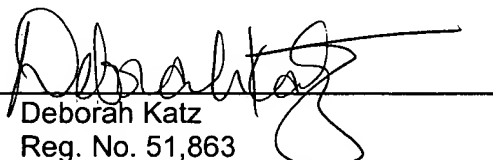
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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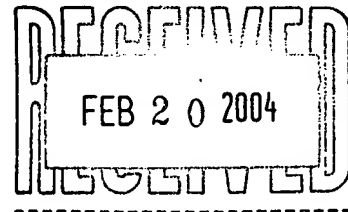
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed November 20, 2003, Paper No. 12,
pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as
follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper,
beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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